

BPA Energy Efficiency Weekly Announcements

October 15, 2020

Events

Save the Date: 2020 virtual regional utility roundtable

This fall's virtual regional utility roundtable dates are scheduled. BPA will hold roundtables in a virtual format via Webex to maintain the health and safety of the region and BPA employees. BPA facilitates these annual gatherings to hear direct feedback from our public utility customers regarding various important energy efficiency topics.

Your energy efficiency representative will contact you with a calendar invite for your regional roundtable. We look forward to you and your fellow utility representatives joining the BPA energy-efficiency team for discussions on topics focused on your utility and end-use customers...[More](#)

Program Updates

Momentum Savings projects move forward in four markets

Now that BPA's Market Research and Momentum Savings team is fully staffed, they have been busy on the following four projects:

- **Nonresidential lighting:** The final update of the nonresidential lighting market model for the Seventh Power Plan period is in progress and the work will conclude in early 2022. The model update will provide robust data about changes in lighting energy consumption over the Plan period's entirety.
- **Commercial HVAC:** Starting in early 2021, the team will begin collecting publicly available building permits to gain insight into technologies used in major renovation and new construction projects.
- **Adjustable speed drives:** BPA recently embarked on a market characterization project for adjustable speed drives and is currently conducting market actor interviews.
- **Residential HVAC:** BPA is also validating and updating its residential HVAC model assumptions by analyzing 2019 regional distributor sales data, interviewing market actors on changes in the industry in response to COVID-19, collecting shipment data



for **smart thermostat products** and developing model assumptions and inputs for **insulation**.

Please email your questions or requests for additional information on any of these research areas to momentumsavings@bpa.gov.

New Advanced Smart Thermostat marketing tools available for the holiday season

The holiday season brings great discounts on many of your favorite products, including advanced smart thermostats. Many manufacturers and retailers offer seasonal, limited-time discounts on qualifying units, which when combined with our [promotional incentive](#) of up to \$175, significantly reduces the up-front cost for end-users. Popular models on BPA's [Smart Thermostat Qualified Products List](#) may be available for less than \$50 after discounts and utility incentives...[More](#)

Reminders

Corrections to Industrial sector BPA-qualified calculators

On Oct. 1, 2020, BPA released updated versions of three calculators in the IM Document Library under the Industrial sector. The [Battery Charger Calculator](#), [Welder Upgrade Calculator](#) and the [Leak Abatement Tool](#) now include a BC-Ratio output field for entry into Column U of the Unit Energy Savings Measure Upload template. Reach out to your Energy Smart Industrial Partner or energy efficiency representative with questions about these corrections or a project calculator that needs to be migrated into the new version.

UPDATE: BPA's new energy-efficiency tracking system has reached a new phase

The BPA Energy Efficiency Tracking System, or BEETS, project has been approved to transition to the execution phase, BPA will work with the vendor, Applied Energy Group, to start configuring and testing the new system. BPA targets to complete the execution phase by the end of the fiscal year. BPA is considering related work streams that could affect the actual BEETS go-live date with utilities. BPA is factoring into their decision considerations like rate period IM changes, the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's 8th Power Plan, and utility availability for training. BPA hopes to have a tentative target launch date determined in the coming months. If you have any questions regarding BEETS, please reach out to your energy efficiency representative.

Residential Weatherization and Contractor Infrastructure Assessment

The [Residential Weatherization and Contractor Infrastructure Assessment](#) is available now on the Residential sector [Weatherization](#) page. This report will help BPA target Comfort Ready Home services to areas with the greatest potential for weatherization and recommend approaches to meet those needs. A regional assessment and sub-region-specific recommendations are also included in the report to help utilities consider their future residential weatherization goals.
